

# March Madness hits students

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The month of March is known to come in as either a lion or a lamb, known for the melting of snow, 50 degree weather (if we are lucky), and spring training in Major League Baseball.

In the world of college basketball, two and a half weeks of March are filled with excitement and upsets.

The Men's NCAA National Basketball Tournament begins on Mar. 15 and ends with the championship game on Apr. 4.

March Madness is the gathering of 68 collegiate basketball teams in cities around the country.

In previous years, there were 64 teams, but this year, four teams will be added to the field.

Another improvement deals with the televising of this year's tournament.

Instead of having games played only on CBS, three more channels will be added to the mix this March. These stations include TBS, TNT, and TruTV.

"The best part is watching the best basketball teams battle it out, cheering on your team and eating food," said junior Austin Holzer.

"The upsets are what make the games great. You just never know if one of the best squads will get knocked off early."

For those who are not familiar with the system, the teams will be ranked 1-16 in four different regions.

It is set up so if a team loses, they are done for the tournament.

Since many of the games are

played during the day, the question arises: Should students be able to watch games during school?

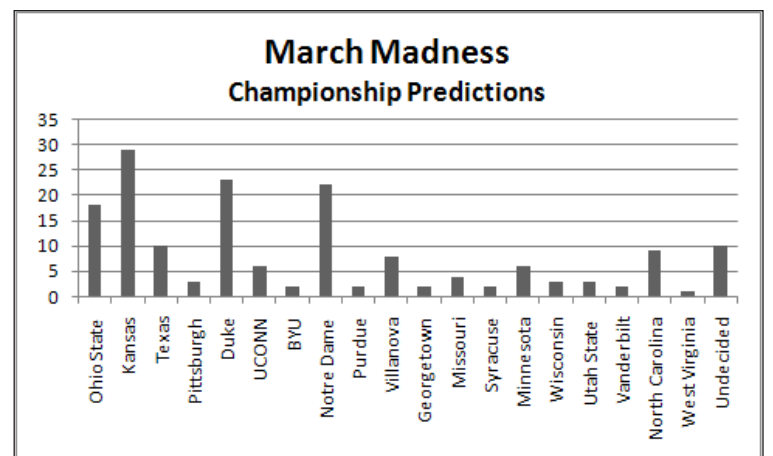
"Yes. Obviously, except for during actual lectures and quizzes, but it should be allowed in study halls," said junior Michael Payne.

"I watch as many of the games as possible," said Holzer.

"I think they should at least be watched during study halls because many of the students are interested, and with the games early in the day, we do not have a chance to watch them."

While watching these two weeks of college basketball, there comes a need to up the food intake.

Restaurants such as Buffalo Wild Wings and other sports bars are great places to watch the games and eat some food.



"I like to eat large amounts of snack food and pizza," said Payne. "Pretty much anything that is not healthy sounds good to me."

Another activity students do is fill out a bracket. The Sunday before the tournament starts is called Selection Sunday where the teams

are seeded and brackets are made.

According to a recent survey taken at O'Gorman, out of 150 students, 29 have chosen Kansas to take home the title.

The other 23 have chosen Duke.

## Moffitt takes talent to Knights

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Banking off-balance three pointers as the shot clock expires in the state tournament, slamming home a dunk after yet another steal, dishing out dimes to his big man in the paint, and leading his team toward the Class AA Boys State Basketball Tournament in late February - this is the life that many students might argue belongs to senior point guard Keaton Moffitt.

Rewind six years. In the cold, wintry depths of February 2005, a family of five, with three sons, from Lakeville, Minnesota decided to move to Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

This Minnesota family made the trek to be closer to family living in the DeSmet area. Keaton Moffitt, the eldest son, was in the sixth grade.

He then enrolled partway through the semester at Memorial Middle School.

In late spring, Keaton decided that Memorial wasn't the right fit.

"I just moved to Sioux Falls at the end of my sixth grade year and a few of the friends I had were going to O'Gorman."

After playing for O'Gorman Junior High, and then teaming up with a similar group as today's varsity squad, Moffitt came to a conclusion.

"I thought it would be a much better fit for me," said Moffitt. "I was right."

Now back to present day.

Following a Class AA Boys State Title, Moffitt has his eyes on a repeat.

"I want to win the championship again this year," said Moffitt.

Other than the ultimate goal, Moffitt is also looking to make some accomplishments this season. Moffitt went on to explain he looks to be a leader on the squad, but not only statistically speaking. Joining seniors Cedrick Lang and Sterling Nielsen, Moffitt is a co-captain of the Knights.

The 'big three' of O'Gorman has paced the Knights to a perfect record in South Dakota play.



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Keaton Moffitt looks for an open teammate at Lincoln High on Dec. 18, 2010 as the Knights defeated the Patriots 50-40.

The team in pursuit of perfection has formed a close bond.

"It's like a brotherhood," said Moffitt.

This camaraderie is one of the aspects that Moffitt really enjoys about the game.

"I like the competition," added Moffitt. "It's a lot of fun to be able to just get out there and show everyone what you've got."

Coming as surprise to few, Moffitt spends most of his time in the gym.

"I've had about two days off in four months," jokes Moffitt.

The reality is, though, Moffitt's rough guess is not too far off from the truth. Along with playing point guard for the Knights, he also starts at the one man position for the summer league team Dakota Schoolers.

When he's not breaking ankles on the hardwood, Moffitt likes doing everything any average high-schooler gets a kick out of.

"I love hanging out with my friends and

family more than anything," said Moffitt. "I love going on vacations and going swimming and playing golf in the summers."

These summers are also filled with more basketball. Moffitt continues to play basketball during these warm weathered months for the Dakota Schoolers.

Playing for the Schoolers is no easy task as it involves hours of practice each week and up to as many as five games on a single week-end against top high school talent across the country.

"Summer basketball is much different than playing for O'Gorman because of the style. It is one on one the whole time in the summer and not a ton of defense is played," said Moffitt. "Whereas at O'Gorman we get after it on the defensive end and play a more controlled game."

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## Wrestlers plagued by injury fight on

Josh Jorgensen  
Staff Writer

Plagued with injuries, the Knights wrestling team is trying to put all of the pieces together at the right time. Considering these injuries, the Knights are still having a very successful year.

"We had a second place finish at the Central Lyon Duel Tournament," said Head Coach Jeff Gordon.

Along with that, the Knights scored 101 points in the Kingsbury County Tournament and 125 points in the Rider Invite.

"Leading the team this year are our four seniors: Austin Whaley, Shawn Bell, Jacob Redding, and Josh Dougherty," said Gordon. "Also, we have support from Tyler Peltier, Ben Fichter and Collin Lathrop."

While guiding the team, they are pushing the team to reach full potential.

The team is trying to put touches on their techniques, so that way they can peak at the right time.

At the GDC Tournament, the Knights faced the top three teams in the state.

Although going 0-4 at the tournament, the team had good individual success.

"We had some success that we hope will carry over throughout the rest of the season," said Gordon.

The Knights are hoping to have a successful rest of the season after the challenges at the beginning.



# Augie jazz festival ousts winter blues

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The theme for the Augustana jazz festival is “Jazz on the Upper Great Plains.”

“This is the 36th year of the Jazz on the Upper Great Plains Festival,” said Dr. Paul Schilf, the Associate Director of Bands and Music Education at Augustana.

This makes it one of the oldest jazz festivals in the upper Midwest.

The Augustana College Jazz Band runs the festival.

The Jazz Band was started in 1954 under the direction of student director Earl Cogan.

It was a student-run organization until 1965 when Dr. Harold Krueger assumed control.

The festival began in 1975. Only seven high school bands participated.

More than 55 bands from three or four states have participated in recent years.

The Augustana College Jazz Band runs the festival and has performed for many campus, community, and regional events as well as at the jazz festival.

Each year, the festival features a guest soloist.

“I choose the guest artists with popularity and educational outreach to the community,” said Schilf.

This year, the guest performer is Wayne Bergeron.

He is an accomplished trumpeter and has recorded with many prominent artists, such as Ray Charles, Beyoncé, Michael Buble, Josh Groban, and Rosemary Clooney.

He has also worked on more than 300 television and motion picture soundtracks.

These include well-known movies such as *Toy Story 3*, *Despicable Me*, *National Treasure*, *SpiderMan* and *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*.

O’Gorman’s two jazz bands,

Jazz Band I and Jazz Band II, will both be performing in the festival.

They have performed in the festival for several years now and gain much from the experience.

“We will be judged by well-known musicians from around the country,” said Dr. Duane Niles, O’Gorman’s band director.

“We will get constructive comments, compete for ratings, and the students will get a chance to hear other bands and learn from what they hear.”

The festival aims to enrich the Midwest’s jazz community by providing attendees with a rich musical experience, particularly one that most do not receive very often.

“The festival is an educational experience for bands attending,” said Schilf.

“I am very pleased with both groups,” said Dr. Niles of O’Gorman’s jazz bands.

“They sound very good and I know they will perform to the best



PRESS PHOTO

Wayne Bergeron plays his trumpet at the Augustana Jazz Festival. The festival will be held March 7-8.

of their ability.”

He hope the audience will enjoy the performance and get a chance to see what is going on in

the O’Gorman music department.

The festival is March 7 and 8 at Augustana College.

## Punk rock band ignites local Sioux Falls stage

Zach Dresch  
Co-Editor

On the night of Feb. 9, an epic punk rock band came to Sioux Falls and brought tons of energy to the fold.

*Against Me!* is the name of the four-piece punk rock group from Gainesville, Florida. Tom Gabel is the primary songwriter, but the rest of the band does their part to perfection. James Bowman is the lead guitarist, Andrew Seward is the bassist and Jay Weinberg is the drummer.

Weinberg is the son of Max Weinberg, former drummer of Conan O’Brien’s *Late Night/Tonight Show* talk show programs.

The opening bands were alternative rock group *Fences* and punk rock group *Cheap Girls*.

*Fences* had good music, but their style of music does not fit the fast-paced style of *Against Me!* or even *Cheap Girls*.

*Cheap Girls* fit the format better, as they sounded like an early ‘90s punk rock group in the same vein as ‘90s group Dramarama.

However, both bands were just an appetizer for the epic headliner: *Against Me!*

As soon as they took the stage, the audience immediately shifted directions. Moshing took place right away, and the audience went completely crazy. I backed away as soon as the crowd gave me the red flag that they would be going insane.

The concert took place at the Vault, a very small club. For a band



PRESS PHOTO

Tom Gabel and *Against Me!* jams at recent show at the Vault.

this fast-paced, they needed a bigger venue, but it made for an entertaining show nonetheless.

Security was placed throughout the crowd, especially towards the middle, to make sure no one became too rowdy.

Several people were kicked out, and a couple of people managed to make their way back into the crowd due to ignorant guards.

I thought this added to the show. The crowd made the show so much more entertaining, and it made me appreciate *Against Me!* all the more.

*Against Me!* played 25 songs in slightly more than an hour. The band wasted no time between songs and just plowed right through their set. That’s an amazing feat, and I respect any band that does that.

They sped up every single song,

which added to the energy. Weinberg’s drumming adds quite a bit to their show as well.

The best songs they played were “Don’t Lose Touch”, “Thrash Unreal”, and “We Laugh at Danger and Break All the Rules”, which was the closing song in the encore.

This was the most energetic show I have ever been to, and it will most likely be the best Sioux Falls show I will have had the privilege to have gone to.

If they come to Sioux Falls again, do not miss out on this awesome band.

Concert Rating:

**A**

Song Highlights:  
**Don’t Lose Touch**  
**Thrash Unreal**  
**Sink, Florida, Sink**

## Spinsters dance provides charity to local YWCA

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Each year, the YWCA holds the spring Spinsters dance. This staple of Sioux Falls high school life, while unknown to most, is actually an 80 year tradition.

Today, the dance is full of lively high school students dancing to a DJ in the middle of a large YWCA gymnasium.

However, back in the day the dance was much more formal with dance cards and Foxtrots.

The girls even carried books, opened doors, and drove the boys around for the entire preceding week before the dance.

Of course, the tradition of the girls asking the boys to the dance has prevailed.

Although the dance may seem like a gimmick to some, the true goal of Spinsters is not forgotten.

“The most amazing part is that Spinsters is actually a fundraiser to support the young children in our community with opportunities to provide low or no cost camps, youth recreation programs, childcare and swimming lessons to those that might not have been able to afford them before,” says head Spinsters coordinator Stacy Stahl.

Stahl has been in charge of the committee for two years.

Fellow coordinator Carry Thomas is currently on maternity leave, so she will miss out on much of the planning process.

Even though there is a great deal more work this year, Stahl has high hopes for the girls of the committee.

Last year, the dance raised close to \$18,000, according to Stahl.

As that was the highest amount of money ever raised at the dance, the girls will have very high expectations.

Their past record reassures them that they will be able to accomplish high goals for this year.

Those girls include four juniors and four seniors from each of the four main high schools.

The O’Gorman Spinsters committee includes experienced seniors Lauren Catangui, Abby Johnson, Erin Petersen and Katie Schwebach.

New to the committee this year are juniors Veronica Fritsch, Makayla Hagerty, Mackenzie Kroon, and Loghin Welch.

Newbie Fritsch says that she joined Spinsters because, “The seniors said that it was really fun and a great way to get involved and receive community service hours.”

In addition to their respective subcommittees, girls are expected to find sponsorships for the dance. Also, the night before the dance, the girls spend hours decorating, writing thank you notes, and preparing for the next night.

On the flip side, juniors must clean up after the dance.

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# Spring fashion takes world by storm

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Alyssa Hanisch

With the changing of the seasons comes a changing of wardrobes for us here in South Dakota. Eventually coats will be put away and replaced with flip flops and shorts. Here are some tips on what is hot and cold this spring.

1. Lady Gaga: With her coming out of the egg costume, it let her incubate into her attire.

2. Baby blue polos: On mass das wearing one of these will gain you acceptance into a very selective spiritual group.

3. Socks are out: A popular trend is not wearing socks with school shoes. This may or may not be closely related to the trend of girls never tucking their shirts in.

4. Flip flops: Now that it is above 30 sometimes, it is officially okay to wear flip flops in South Dakota.

5. Sean Turgeon: Sean has great style and his grunge look is great for any spring event.

6. Comb-overs: On game day, some basketball players have begun to sport the comb-over look to compliment their ties.

7. Hats: Flat bill hats should probably not be worn even with the sun beating down on us this spring.

8. Pets: Carrying a small dog or person such as Zach Cole around

with you is very “in” this spring.

9. Cowboy boots: Being from South Dakota, we can all appreciate a good pair of cowboy boots.

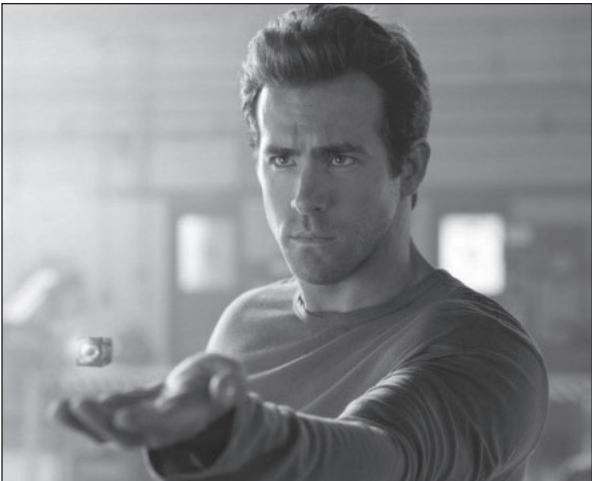
10. Dressing like Teachers: Some fashionable teachers such as Mr. Lindner and Miss Raugutt set a fine example.

Hopefully these fashion tips will help you think more seriously about what you are wearing this spring.



PRESS PHOTO  
Lady Gaga shows one of her many flashy outfits.

# Spring movies provide entertainment for all ages



PRESS PHOTO  
Ryan Reynolds stars in the *Green Lantern*.



PRESS PHOTO  
Jack Black stars in *Kung Fu Panda 2*.



PRESS PHOTO  
Johnny Depp stars in *Pirates of the Caribbean 4*.

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Spring. It consists of delightful weather, exciting holidays, and great films. Most of these films that will be released are highly anticipated sequels.

*Pirates of the Caribbean 4* will be released May 27, and I personally think it will be better than the first three. The reason why I say this is because Orlando Bloom and Keira

Knightley will not be in the film. Instead, Penélope Cruz will join Johnny Depp and the crew of pirates.

The new *Pirates* movie should be a great ending to the franchise, although if it is anything like the *Dead Man's Chest* it will be disappointing.

*The Hangover: Part II?* This movie will come out May 30. I got excited and then slightly worried because I couldn't think of anything

that could top the first movie. I'm interested in what shenanigans they will try to pull without remaking the Vegas bachelor party.

There will be some surprise appearances from Zac Efron and yes, Bill Clinton. Remake or not this movie will be entertaining.

Jack Black reprises his role as a panda in *Kung Fu Panda 2* along with the kung fu crew for another funny animated movie. It will be rereleased on May 30.

I personally thought the first movie was fantastic and hilarious, and I don't think the sequel will be any different.

Other movies that will be coming out are *Thor* and the *Green Lantern*.

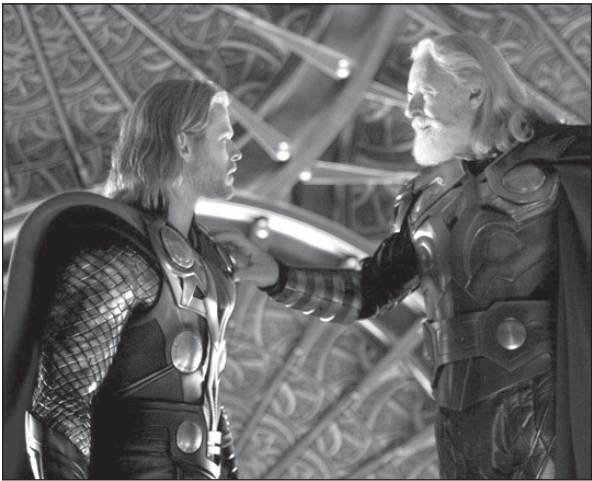
I am not excited for *Thor* because to me it seems like it will have great special effects, some okay acting, but it will fall short on the story line. Still, it could be worth watching.

The *Green Lantern* starring Ryan Reynolds should be a fun movie and a box office hit. I would watch this movie before *Thor*.

Movies that won't be huge box office hits but will get rave reviews will be *Apollo 18*, an alien sci-fi horror movie about what happened to astronauts who went to the moon. It comes out April 22. *Water for Elephants* starring Christoph Waltz will also be an early awards film to watch. It's set for release May 22.

## Release Dates

| March                 | April                  | May                           | June                  |
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| 11 Red Riding Hood    | 8 Rio                  | 6 Thor                        | 10 Something Borrowed |
| 18 Limitless          | 15 Margin Call         | 20 Pirates of the Caribbean 4 | 10 Super 8            |
| 18 The Lincoln Lawyer | 22 Apollo 18           | 27 Kung Fu Panda 2            | 17 Bad Teacher        |
| 22 Love               | 22 Water for Elephants | 30 Hangover 2                 | 17 Green Lantern      |



PRESS PHOTO  
Chris Hemsworth and Anthony Hopkins star in *Thor*.



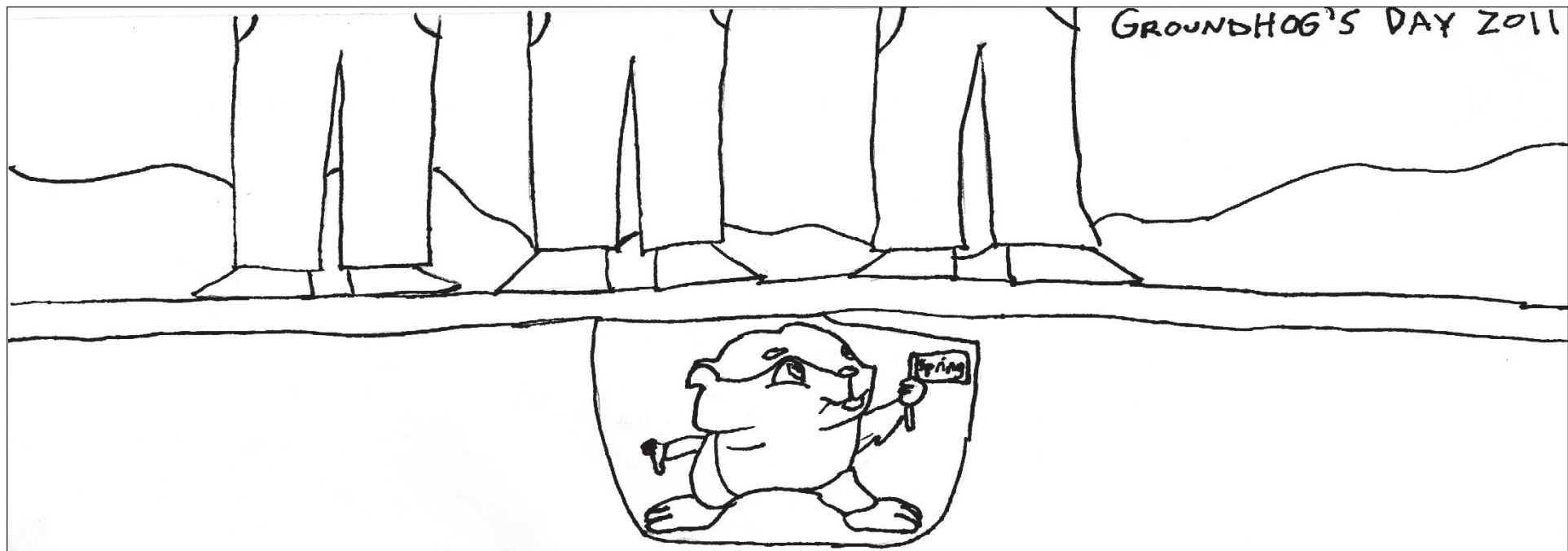
PRESS PHOTO  
Christoph Waltz and Reese Witherspoon star in *Water for Elephants*.



PRESS PHOTO  
Zach Galifianakis, Bradley Cooper, Justin Bartha and Ed Helms return in *The Hangover:Part II*.



Groundhog Day by Sam Jacobsen



Quiz site keeps students mentally sound

**Zach Dresch**  
Co-Editor

A new sensation going around is the popular quiz site Sporcle. Sporcle is an addicting site that covers all topics from movies to sports to music. I discovered the site on a cold December night. Billy Baker's sister Lauren showed me the site. Billy and I took a quiz on completing the titles of Led Zeppelin songs. It is safe to say that Billy dominated that quiz, so naturally I decided to step up my game. I looked for a quiz where you would have to name every Green Day song on every album, and I

managed to accomplish it within ten minutes or so. I have been hooked on the site ever since that night. Anyone that I have shown the site or anyone that has already seen the site has been addicted to it. It has left so many people mentally stimulated in a great way. Basically the site consists of timed quizzes where you have to list off all the key elements in a topic, ranging from all Super Bowl champions to the best baby names (boys and girls), and all the U.S. presidents. I am more of a music nerd, so all the music quizzes are frequently visited by me because it helps kill

time whenever I am bored. We have even tested Mr. V's movie knowledge by giving him the "Oscar Best Picture" quiz. He managed to list all of the Best Picture winners back to 1970. (Nerd) My favorite quizzes that I have taken so far are "100 Greatest Artists of Hard Rock", "Rolling Stone's 100 Best Albums of the 2000s", "100 Greatest Guitarists", and "100 Greatest Singers". All of these quizzes have challenged me, but kept me entertained nonetheless. You would be amazed at how many people are not on these lists that you think would be. What really surprised me was that guitar

virtuosos Slash and Steve Vai did not make the cut, a fact that the quiz stated as well near the bottom of the quiz. Frankly Rolling Stone does not know what they are talking about when it comes to the "Greatest" lists, but I'm rambling so let's get back to the important and necessary information. Other topics included in the quiz site are religion, geography, history and entertainment. There is also a "Just For Fun" section that is simply...just for fun. The longest amount of time a quiz can go is 20 minutes, and the shortest has been one minute. The one minute quizzes actu-

ally are the most challenging, but the most fun. This has to be the biggest craze for quiz nerds since Sudoku. Not since crossword puzzles have I seen a quiz database become so popular and addicting. It's amazing how many people love taking these quizzes. Thousands and thousands of people visit this site every day, and multiple quizzes have been taken by more than 150,000 people. If you have never been to this site, I suggest you do so. Move over, Facebook, there's a new addicting site in town, and its name is Sporcle.

March trivia: fun facts to exchange with friends, unsuspecting targets

1. Banging your head against a wall uses 150 calories an hour.

2. *101 Dalmatians* and *Peter Pan* are the only Disney animations in which both of a character's parents are present and don't die during the movie.

3. A "jiffy" is the scientific name for 1/100th of a second.

4. The day after Thanksgiving is the busiest day for plumbers in the U.S.

5. Donkeys kill more people than plane crashes.

6. On average, 100 people
- choke to death on ballpoint pens every year.

7. In Kentucky, every citizen is required by law to take a bath at least once a year.

8. The percentage of people dreaming in black and white started decreasing after the spread of color television.

9. Just days before the World Cup of 1966 in England, the trophy was stolen and then later retrieved by a dog.

10. Charlie Chaplin once won third prize in a Charlie Chaplin

- look-alike contest.

11. The shortest war in history was in 1896. Zanzibar surrendered to England after 38 minutes.

12. Dueling is legal in Paraguay as long as both parties are registered blood donors.

13. There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.

14. If you feed a seagull Alka-Seltzer, its stomach will explode


15. Earth is the only planet not named after a pagan God.

In -and- Out


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| Dancing With the Stars   | American Idol             |
| Aaron Roger's MVP Trophy | Brett Favre's Cell Phone  |
| The Sis Sparta           | Thesis                    |
| Mr. V's Ideas            | Every Other Idea          |
| Black Keys               | White Stripes             |
| Fish                     | Chicken                   |
| Guy Who Gives High Fives | Guy Who Steals High Fives |
| Sporcle                  | Sudoku                    |
| Musical                  | One-Act                   |

Photo Survey


Where does the money for a schedule change actually go?




Jaden Holzer  
"Mr. Krier uses it to groom his dog"



Katelynn Galema  
"Obviously not to the lunches"



Austin Holzer  
"The flat screen TVs in the administration office"



Natalie Ray  
"Mr. Groos uses it to get his ring cleaned"



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Besides the different style of game, playing for the Schoolers also brings different benefits.

"Something I really liked about playing for the Dakota Schoolers was the fact that I got exposure to college coaches and I was able to compete against some of the best players in the entire nation," said Moffitt.

"I'd like to play ball in college," said Moffitt.

While basketball is an important part of Moffitt's daily life, it's not everything.

"I'm not sure how far basketball will take me," said Moffitt.

"But, I'd like to get a degree while in college."

The world may not see Moffitt pick pocketing LeBron James or posterizing Dwight Howard in the next five years, but there will be no worries about Moffitt, as he will be keeping his eyes forward, looking onwards to the next challenge he faces.



PRESS PHOTO

Back row from L to R: Veronica Fritsch, Mackenzie Kroon, Makayla Hagerty, and Loghin Welch. Front row from L to R: Abby Johnson, Katie Schwebach, Erin Petersen, and Lauren Catanguai. These O'Gorman students participate in the Spinsters committee, planning and organizing a city-wide dance to raise money for youth programs at the YWCA.

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This year, the dance will be Hollywood themed. Although the theme is new, many previous concepts will return.

DJ Jer and a photo booth by Studio Blu are just a few of the recurring elements from last year. Nevertheless, be prepared for some surprises from the girls of the Spinsters Committee.

Spinsters certainly has its difficult encounters, but the benefits are evident.

"The dance is a lot of work to put together, but I love to see the final result – when the decorating is done and the theme comes to life! It's fun!" said Stahl.

Spinsters is tradition-filled with plenty of current influence to keep it lively and enjoyable for the

modern day high school student.

Still, even though Spinsters may seem just like another dance, it is truly a huge fundraiser for underprivileged children.

This allows for students to have that rare opportunity to serve a community while socializing amongst peers. Students throughout the four major high schools come together for this common cause.

The fact is that 32 high school girls organize a dance for 1200 students in just a few short months.

Stahl encourages current sophomores to apply for the Spinsters committee next year.

The Spinsters dance is Saturday, March 26 at the YWCA Avera South on Ralph Rogers Rd.

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Students involved in band and choir or four years of a world language typically have the most incentive to take additional courses.

These classes are available either during the year or in the summer.

Otherwise, students pursue this simply because O'Gorman may not have the course they would like to take.

"I take them because they are a chance to learn, because I needed more classes in my schedule, and because they look good on college applications," said Petrasko.

"It is getting more common as our students challenge themselves with a tougher curriculum and get busier," said Carlson.

"Technology is constantly evolving, making these courses more accessible and user friendly by offering videos of lectures, online resources, and direct contact with instructors via email."

Though these courses are becoming more common, Carlson cautions students to think carefully about the decision to add supplementary courses to an already full schedule.

It requires both time, commitment, and interest in the course itself.

"Any student looking at an on-line class or other options for a class needs to talk to one of the counselors," said Carlson.

"The course needs to be taken through an accredited program, and the student needs permission to take it."

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concert with a group of Bostonian high school students, and perform a service project.

"We're pretty well booked," said Britton.

In the past the students have had to fundraise individually for the choir trip.

However, this year all of the students will fundraise for the collective group.

Originally, Britton saw that this might prove a challenge for the group, but the choir proved otherwise.

"I think the kids this year, especially this group of kids, see the big picture. They see that what they do helps everyone," she said.

"We've actually done better than we did last year."

O'Gorman's Concert Choir will be flying out of Omaha on Mar. 30.

"Choir's a lot more than a trip," said Michels. "It's a really fun opportunity."

Michels' peers agree as well.

"It's going to be awesome," said Schall.

They will be returning on Apr. 3. after a week filled with fun and service.

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where important issues are discussed. It gives students a chance to talk about these issues with other students from around the world, and hear about different opinions on the topic.

"The students will get a great idea of how Washington D.C. really works," said Lindner.

Many of the students are anxious to learn about the nation's history aside from the textbook.

This trip gives students the opportunity to experience the interesting aspects that make up America.

It also allows them to understand what goes on each day with the political scene.

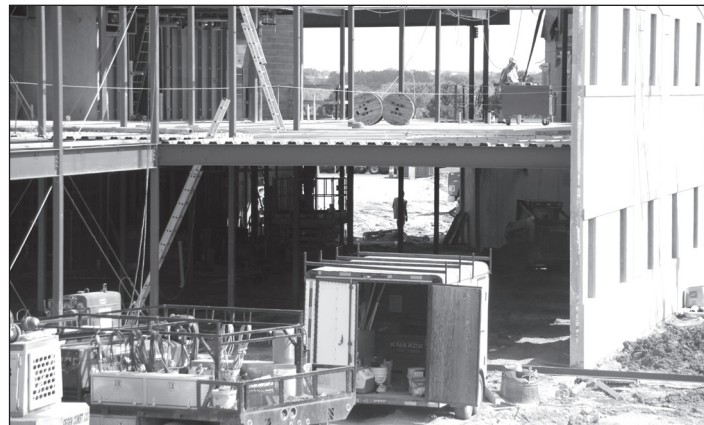
"I am excited to go on the

Close Up trip because I have never been to D.C. before, and I want to learn about our nation's history first hand," said junior Bridget Sea.

There will be students from many different states around the country who will also be traveling to D.C. for the trip.

This trip will begin on Mar. 28 and will last for an entire week.

# Construction Through the years



KNIGHT SCROLL

On July 22, 2008, the much-anticipated new school building was merely a rough draft. Here, construction workers labor away at putting together the academic wings of the school.



KNIGHT SCROLL

Aug. 1, 2008 was the day that workers finally laid down the turf on the signature McEneaney field. Since then, the Knights have played countless memorable and successful games on their home turf.



KNIGHT SCROLL

During the summer of 2009, construction workers were at O'Gorman building the new foyer. Today, the foyer is the home base of the entire administration office, as well as the welcoming area for students and guests.



KNIGHT SCROLL

On Mar. 5, 2010, the Performing Arts Center still seemed like a dream. Today, however, construction is right on track, and the PAC is slated to open Sept. 1, 2011, just in time for O'Gorman's 50th anniversary.



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## **Spring Open House**

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